

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE, STRATEGIC PLANNING, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

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07<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

To: The Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Department

## Re: <u>Tender No. RFT 147/2024 - Supply of General Food Items - Whole of Government</u>

The Government Tender Board in its flying minute No. 62/2024 dated January 9, 2024, approved the abovementioned contract on open/rates call-off basis "as when required" for a period of three (3) years to the below tabulated suppliers. A two-year extension option is included in the contract on the basis of annual review.

Approved Contractors
Wholesalers
FMF Foods Ltd
Punjas Pte Limited
Ashabhai & Company Limited
Motibhai Group of Companies
<b>Distributors/ Retailers</b>
Pacific Hai An Group Pte Ltd
Fresh'et International Limited
Hardip Narayan & Sons Pte Ltd

The award is based on an open/rates call-off arrangement, enabling Ministries to engage with various suppliers. While Ministries are advised to leverage wholesalers for bulk procurement and distributors/retailers for smaller or varied orders, this is not compulsory.

While utilizing this open/rates call-off contract, agencies must remain mindful of their budget and ensure value for money in every purchase. Value for money is the most advantageous combination of cost, quality, and sustainability to meet requirements within the required timeframe.

The contract is effective from **8th March**, **2025** and will expire on **9th March**, **2028**. A detailed rate schedule of the individual items is attached.

Agencies must note that the contracted price for items subject to the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) is anchored to any FCCC price review and announcement. In the event of an FCCC price change, Ministries and Departments are required to use the new price.

Ministries and Departments should engage approved suppliers on an "as and when required" basis by issuing purchase orders. Officers are reminded of their obligation to procure from approved Government Contractors as stipulated in Section 35 of the Procurement Regulations 2010.

## **Delivery Clause:**

• <u>Delivery Timelines</u>: Ministries should note that vendors will deliver goods and services according to the delivery timelines provided by the vendors and agreed upon in the Price Schedule, *Appendix 1*.

- <u>Urgent Deliveries</u>: For urgent delivery requests, Ministries/Departments must liaise directly with the supplier to negotiate and obtain the supplier's agreement to an expedited delivery schedule. Any agreed-upon changes must be documented.
- <u>Delivery Confirmation</u>: Upon delivery, the supplier must provide a delivery note, and the receiving Ministry/Department officer must acknowledge receipt of the goods.

## **Payment Clause:**

- <u>Payment Terms</u>: Payment by ministries shall be made within 90 days of receipt of goods and a valid invoice. Ministries and Departments are responsible for ensuring timely processing and clearance of payments within this timeframe.
- <u>Invoice Requirements</u>: Invoices must include the purchase order number, item description, quantity, unit price, total price, and delivery confirmation.
- <u>Payment Reconciliation</u>: When processing payments, ministries must ensure that bank statement narrations clearly identify the paying department and include the corresponding invoice number(s). This will significantly improve payment reconciliation efficiency.
- <u>Remittance Advice</u>: After payment is processed, ministries must email a remittance advice to the supplier, confirming the payment details.
- <u>Order Planning</u>: Ministries and Departments are required to plan their ordering and place orders in advance to allow the supplier to prepare collective orders and to ensure that payments of such purchases are made within 90 days of receipt of goods and a valid invoice.

Officers involved in procurement for their respective agencies are required to maintain detailed records and diligently monitor the performance of suppliers throughout the contract period. Any concerns or complaints regarding supplier performance must be formally documented and communicated to the Head of Procurement at the Fiji Procurement Office. Alternatively, officers may contact the feedback team on 3221248 or submit online feedback via the FPO page.

Please ensure that the contents of this letter are brought to the immediate attention of all officers involved in procurement and the facilitation of payments related to the aforementioned contract.

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Hardip Narayan & Sons Pte Ltd	Mr. Jaianand Kumar Director	9928401 9928427	<u>navnith.kumar@hardipnara</u> <u>yan.com.fj</u>

The contact person and details of the awardee are as follows:

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The Fiji Procurement Office looks forward to your cooperation and compliance to this contract.

Ministries and Departments seeking further clarification regarding the above may contact Ms. Stephanie Narayan Ph. 3221248 or email to <u>stephanie.narayan@finance.gov.fj</u> or Ms. Krishnika Prasad or <u>krishnika.prasad@finance.gov.fj</u>

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